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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

THE DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE
OPERATIONS WHICH PRODUCE INTELLIGENCE RELATED TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. The President's Letter of 22 January 1946 designated the National Intelligence Authority as responsible for planning, developing, and coordinating all federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security and made the Director of Central Intelligence responsible for recommending to the N.I.A. the establishment of the necessary overall policies and objectives to accomplish the above.

2. Pursuant to the above, it is essential that a broad program be initiated which will govern the direction, coordination and supervision of the operations which produce intelligence relating to the national security. Such a program should include:

a. Direction

There should be a clearly defined goal toward which the entire federal foreign intelligence producing effort related to the national security is directed. The N.I.A. is responsible for drafting this mission.

b. Coordination

This effort should be coordinated so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission. This coordination is required for the collection and distribution of intelligence information and for the production and dissemination of the resulting intelligence. The Director of Central Intelligence is charged with planning for this coordination, and should be further charged with directing and supervising this coordination in accordance with N.I.A. policies.

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c. Supervision

A system should be inaugurated which will provide for adequate supervision of the entire intelligence producing effort related to the national intelligence mission to insure that it is being carried out in accordance with the directives, policies, and procedures laid down by the N.I.A. The N.I.A. is responsible for this effort, but the Director of Central Intelligence should be responsible for supervising the actual operation.

3. Enclosed are drafts of successive N.I.A. Directives and a C.I.G. Directive making the necessary provisions for the above. It is recommended that:

a. Appendices "A" to Enclosures (A) and (B) be concurred in for submission to the N.I.A.

b. Enclosure (C) be concurred in and that each member of the I.A.B. arrange for the necessary implementation by his department.

4. In connection with paragraphs 2e and f of Enclosure (C), it is recommended that the representatives designated to these boards be respectively the Chiefs or Deputy Chiefs of the Groups handling the corresponding activities in each department

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